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SUBJECT: **Cognitive Disability**

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Purpose

This Administrative Directive describes amendments to Arizona Revised Statutes § § 36-551 and 36-581, that prescribe a change in terms and definitions for the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Effective September 21, 2006, the term "cognitive disability" shall replace the words "mental retardation".

Change in Terms

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-551, "Cognitive disability" means a condition that involves sub average general intellectual functioning, that exists concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior manifested before age eighteen and that is sometimes referred to as intellectual disability or mental retardation.

Pursuant to A.R.S §36-581, "Developmental disability" means autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or cognitive disability.

These changes do not affect the federally defined term "Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded" (ICF/MR).

Eligibility Requirements

This change in terms and definitions shall not affect in any way the statutory requirements for eligibility.

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